



Deirdre McAdams
‘Tree of Life’
Transplant Recipient

I received a cornea transplant on October 3, 1995. At that time, I had been an Organ Recovery Coordinator for almost six years.

I have been an artist since I was old enough to pick up a crayon. My grandmother, who we lost this January, was my biggest fan and gave me much encouragement. I am also an avid reader – a love my mother instilled in me from a very young age. Imagine my distress at realizing previous infections and the attempts to treat them had resulted in my virtual inability to see out of my left eye. I had to read with one eye closed, art was almost impossible and, many hours at coordinating an organ donation, the eye strain was taking a toll on my ability to do my job.

My donor was an 18-year-old from Houston, TX. I am so grateful to have received the gift of sight. Thank you for my vision.